

For Information About Visas

As of May 1, 2011, U.S. Embassy Cotonou has discontinued walk-up inquiries for non-Americans.

For general information about applying for a visa, please visit the [Embassy web site](#) and the State Department's [travel web site](#) for answers to most questions.

To make an appointment for a tourist visa or to fill out the DS-160 application, visit <http://cotonouvisas.us>.

If you are applying for an immigrant or diversity visa, you should contact the [Embassy's approved physicians](#) and, after completing the medical exam, come to the Embassy on the day of your assigned appointment.

If at the time of your visa interview you were told that we needed to do further administrative processing and you have not yet heard back from us, it is because the processing is not yet complete. If you need your passport or a specific original document for other purposes and we are holding it, please email us at consularcotonou@state.gov to make an appointment to pick it up.

For questions which cannot be answered by email, the consular section accepts telephone calls from 2-4 pm on Wednesday at (229)21-30-06-50.

Instructions for Medical Examination of Visa Applicants

Applicants for immigrant visas are required to have a medical examination by a U.S. Embassy approved physician prior to the visa interview. Certain laboratory tests such as a syphilis test and chest x-ray are required as part of the examination. Applicants are advised to bring copies of any medical records, prior x-rays and immunization records to the exam. Applicants should be prepared to receive additional vaccinations as required. The fees for medical examinations tests and vaccinations are the responsibility of the applicant. The medical fees for applicants are: CFA 25,000 for the medical examination; approximately CFA 4,500 for radiology (not required for children under 15); and approximately CFA 5,000 for blood sampling. These fees do not include the cost of the vaccinations.

Panel physicians are:

Dr. Anne Brunet Apithy Cabinet Medical B.P.: 06 2470 Cotonou, Benin Tel: (229) 21-30-15-62	Dr. Nouara Azzaz Cabinet Medical B.P.: 06 2470 Cotonou, Benin Tel: (229) 21-30-15-62
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Applicants should make an appointment with one of the above physicians and bring five (5) picture which will be attached to the medical report. **Applicants must bring their passports. Refugees must bring a document with their picture for verification of their identity.** After the medical exam, the applicant will receive the results of their exams in a sealed envelope, which should be brought to the Embassy the day of the interview. If there are questions about the medical results, the doctor will send the report directly to the Embassy.